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SUBJECT: QUITO MFM 7 - FINAL GENERAL COMMITTEE SESSION

1. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE VOTED LATE THIS MORNING ON THE ORIGINAL COLOMBIA/COSTA RICA/VENEZUELA RESOLUTION. THE VOTE WAS 12 IN FAVOR (ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS, MEXICO, PANAMA, PERU, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND VENEZUELA), 3 AGAINST (CHILE, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY) AND 6 ABSTENTIONS (BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, GUATEMALA, HAITI, NICARAGUA, THE U.S.). CHAIRMAN LUCIO PAREDES DECLARED THAT THE RESOLUTION, LACKING THE TWO-THIRDS SUPPORT REQUIRED BY THE RIO TREATY, HAD FAILED.

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2. FOLLOWING THE VOTE, A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, IN-

CLUDING THE U.S. AND BRAZIL (SEPTTEL) GAVE EXPLANATIONS OF
THEIR VOTE.

3. MOST IMPORTANTLY, FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO OF COLOMBIA
READ A MESURED DECLARATION BY THE 12 GOVERNMENTS WHICH FAVOR
LIFTING SANCTIONS. THE STATEMENT JUDGED SANCTIONS TO BE
ANACHRONISTIC AND INEFFECTIVE. IT CALLED THE TWO-THIRDS
REQUIREMENT AN "ABSURD PROCEDURE", WHICH PERMITTED THE
FRUSTRATION OF THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF STATE. HE
SAID THAT THREE COUNTRIES, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF SIX
ABSTAINING COUNTRIES, IN EFFECT HAD VETOED THE MAJORITY'S
WILL INASMUCH AS ABSTENTIONS, UNDER THE RIO TREATY, WERE
TANTAMOUNT TO A NEGATIVE VOTE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE
UNWILLINGNESS OF THE NINE NEGATIVE AND ABSTAINING COUNTRIES
MIGHT MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE REVITALIZATION OF THE INTER-
AMERICAN SYSTEM. BARBADOS AND JAMAICA (NOT RIO TREATY
SIGNATORIES) IN SEPARATE INTERVENTIONS, ADDED THEIR VOICES
TO THE STATEMENT OF THE 12 COUNTRIES VOTING YES.

4. THE FINAL PLENARY IS NOW SET FOR 5 PM.
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